	(Backward or Depressed)	.. 47
(4)	Nayars	.. 214
(5)	Ezhuvas	.. 68
(6)	Christians	.. 63
(7)	Muslims	.. 13
(8)	Pulayas	.. 2

It is not possible to give the qualifications of each of the 417 persons who appeared for Selection.

(*d*) 25;

(1)	Tamil Brahmins	.. 1
(2)	Other Hindus (1 Poduval, and 1 Marar)	.. 2
(3)	Nayars	.. 4
(4)	Ezhuvas	.. 6
(5)	Muslims	.. 2
(6)	Other Hindus (Backward or Depressed) (1 Valan, 1 Carpenter, and 1 Kalari Panikkar).	.. 3
(7)	Pulayans	.. 1
(8)	Christians (Latin Catholic 1, Jacobite 1, and Romo Syrians 4).	.. 6

Mr. V. J. Mathai: With regard to (*c*) may I know why it is not possible?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon: The selection was advertised. Many had appeared without petitions. I arranged hem caste-war and made the selection. Then I enquired about their qualifications.

Mr. V. J. Mathai: I do not think the hon'ble member has understood the question. Are there records in your office to show the qualifications?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon:— No. Only a few applications are there.

Mr. V. J. Mathai: Is it possible to get an answer to the question as to whether there were more than one Jacobite applicant?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon: There might have been.

Mr. V. J. Mathai: Has the rule relating to communal representation been forgotten in this case?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon: Nothing has been forgotten. Everything has been kept in mind.

KOKKALAI CANAL—IMPROVEMENTS TO.

43. Mr. M. K. Devassy: (*a*) Is the Government aware of the fact that there is no means of communication through water to Trichur during the summer season;

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(*b*) will the Government be pleased to improve the Kokkalai canal;

(*c*) if the answer to question (*b*) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state the grounds for rejection?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) The diversion of the Chalakkudi river to the kole area is a solution to make the canal navigable throughout the year. This is being investigated by the Government.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: May I know when was this investigation begun?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon: The final investigation was started about two years ago. Combined investigations have to be conducted by the Travancore and the Cochin Governments and that is being done.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: When will this investigation be complete?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon: It will take at least two more years.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: Will there be enough of water in the Chalakkudi river for our people to drink?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon: It is meant for the kole area.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: Will the hon'ble member be pleased to inform the House as to how the response of the Travancore Government is with regard to this matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon: They have cooperated with this Government very heartily so far.

THANIKUDAM SCHEME—PROGRESS REGARDING.

44. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how far the Thanikudam scheme has progressed; and

(*b*) the total amount spent till now on it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon: (*a*) The Trichur Municipal Council has now decided to take up the Naduthodu (Thanikudam) scheme of water supply to the town.

(*b*) A sum of Rs. 2,133—8—0 has so far been spent on it towards investigation and survey.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Are the Government satisfied that there will be plenty of water for supplying to the whole town of Trichur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon: Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: After meeting the needs of the Trichur people, will there be more water for the use of agriculture?

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